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No action by the Commission is required to conserve the name *Muraena* Linnaeus in its accustomed usage as in 1827 Bory de Saint-Vincent (p. 305) designated *Muraena helena* Linnaeus as type species. This designation is much earlier than Bleeker's.

Reference

Bory de Saint-Vincent, J.B.G.M. 1827. In Audouin, [J.V.] *et al.* (Eds.), *Dictionnaire classique d'Histoire Naturelle*, vol. 11. 615 pp. Rey & Gravier, Paris.

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This case is thus resolved without need for action by the Commission. In the light of the above comments, the following information is given on the genera and species involved.

Anguilla Schrank, 1798 (p. 304), type species by monotypy *Muraena anguilla* Linnaeus, 1758 (p. 245).

Muraena Linnaeus, 1758 (p. 244), type species by subsequent designation by Bory de Saint-Vincent (1827, p. 305) *Muraena helena* Linnaeus, 1758 (p. 244).

Further comment on the proposed suppression for nomenclature of three works by R.W. Wells and C.R. Wellington

(Case 2531; see BZN 44: 116–121, 257–261; 45: 52–54, 145–153, 216)

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The recently published *Contributions to the History of Herpetology* (Adler, 1989) contains an *Index of Authors in Taxonomic Herpetology* compiled by John S. Applegarth. We quote the following paragraph from the introduction to this Index:

'Note. — It is the personal opinion of the compiler that the methods and recent writings of Richard W. Wells and C. Ross Wellington are inconsistent with acceptable practices of taxonomy, and that such writings should be rejected by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. Therefore Mr Wells and Mr Wellington are not included in this compilation. For further opinions on this matter see *Herpetological Review*, 16: 4–7 and 69, and *Australian Entomological Society News Bulletin*, 21: 66–69.'

We are outraged by this attitude, which is best compared with the Stalinist falsification of history. Such statements demonstrate that the 'anti- Wells & Wellington' group of persons will not be satisfied with a rejection by the Commission of their works: their names should also disappear from the History of Herpetology. In the next step

will we be told that Wells and Wellington have simply never existed? Or perhaps they should be physically eliminated using an ice-pick?

We therefore urge the Commission to reject the application to suppress the works by Wells & Wellington for the very reasons that some of us have expressed earlier (BZN 45: 146–149; *The Australian Herpetologist*, 528: 1–5).

Reference

- Adler, K. 1989. Contributions to the History of Herpetology. *Contributions to Herpetology*, 5: 1–202.